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RECOGNIZING THE 2018 BLACK AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Educational Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on the occasion of their 38th annual Black and Gold Scholarship Ball.

Since 1980, these two organizations have made tremendous contributions to promoting academic opportunities for youth in Northern Virginia and in the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan region.

The programs offered by the foundation are vital to the success of our students. This year's Black and Gold Scholarship Ball will support scholarships for ten college-bound high school students. During the last nineteen years, one-hundred students have received scholarships awarded by the foundation, and have attended some of the top colleges and universities in the country. With the typical college graduate's debt averaging about \$30,000, the foundation's continued support of these students is absolutely crucial.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 scholarship winners:

Abderrauof Deghdegh (Lee HS)
Adriana Jones (Heritage HS)
Alyse Johnson (Herndon HS)
Barrington Taylor (McNamara HS)
Clarence Brown III (Colgan Sr. HS)
Colin Dickens (Edison HS)
Dean James (Broad Run HS)
Kelcey Parks Jr. (Marshall HS)
Kyle Gatesman (TJHSST)
Reina Hudspeth (Centreville HS)

Mr. Speaker, these students represent our country's next generation of gifted leaders who will have great impact on our society and future. I thank the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Education Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their dedicated commitment to fostering success in our youth and commend all of the scholarship winners for their academic excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these talented students and in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF AIRMAN FIRST CLASS BRADLEY G. HALE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and service of Airman First Class Bradley G. Hale and recognize his

unwavering dedication to his family, his community, and his country.

Bradley was born on April 23, 1997, to Rodney and Charla Hale of Houston, Texas. Along with his sister and two brothers, Bradley grew up in Montgomery, Texas, where as a boy he loved to be outside and play baseball. As a young man, Bradley participated in a number of community service projects and was a member of various student organizations, including the Montgomery High School honor band.

Born to a distinguished family of veterans and servicemen, Bradley dreamed of following in their footsteps and serving his country by joining the Armed Forces. In particular, Bradley dreamed of flying, so much so that his friends told him he should go work for NASA. In pursuit of his dream, in March of 2016, Bradley enlisted in the United States Air Force.

From the start, it was clear that Bradley would excel in the military. During his enlistment, Bradley achieved a perfect score on his Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery. After completing basic training, Bradley was assigned to the 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, where he served as an Electronic Warfare Journeyman at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana for one year.

Friendly and caring, Bradley endeavored to use his talents to serve others. From his time at Montgomery High School to his service in the Air Force, Bradley always put others before himself. Bradley's father, Rodney said that "Bradley was always friendly, had never been in a fight, he was very respectful, and would give the shirt off his back if you asked." His deep love for his family and his country were clearly shown as he used his talents to positively impact the lives of those with whom he served.

On March 27, Bradley lost his life while deployed on the island of Guam in support of operations in Korea. On April 10, 2018, he was laid to rest at the Houston National Cemetery.

Bradley leaves behind his parents, Rodney and Amanda Hale, and Charla Hale and Gary Martin; his siblings, Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicholas Hale, Shane Hale, and Erika Hale; his grandparents, Ronny and Kathy Hale, Mark and Rhonda Andricks, Bill and Bobbie Mercer, Billy and Clara Bland, Eugene Hamann, Lorna Hagen, and Wanda Martin; and his great grandfathers, Lester Bourgeois and Alvin Hamann.

While we mourn with Bradley's family, we also celebrate with them his life, service, and legacy. I am proud to join his family, his friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring his life and steadfast devotion and service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 275, YEA on Roll Call No. 276, NAY on Roll Call No. 277, and YAY on Roll Call No. 278.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 BEST OF RESTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 27th Annual Best of Reston Awards for Community Service. These awards are the result of collaboration between Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, and are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Reston. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community, and tonight's event proves that Reston continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. This is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening, and I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees. I also wish to thank Sara Leonard and Kerrie Wilson of Cornerstones, and Charles Kapur and Mark Ingrao of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for their tireless efforts on behalf of others and in making our community one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2018 Best of Reston Awards:

Marybeth Haneline—Engineering Inclusion and Making an Impact
Leslie Kane—Revealing the Beauty of Kindness
Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation—Launching Young Lives
Terry Redican—Reston's Coach for all Seasons
Andy Sigle—Support that Sings
SOSi—Serving Those Who Serve
The 2018 Wade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Legacy Award—Entrusting Our Community's Future Recipient:
South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry—Food from Heart to Heart

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2018 Best of Reston honorees for their tremendous contributions. I thank Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for continuing this wonderful tradition, and I express my sincere gratitude to these individuals, businesses, and organizations for lending their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWBORN ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Nationally Enhancing the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research Now (NEWBORN) Act, a bill I introduced earlier today.

In Shelby County, Tennessee, there were 123 children who did not make it to their first birthday in 2016. In the United States, our infant mortality rate is comparable to countries like Bosnia, Chile, and Cuba, and a recent study found that a child is 76 percent more likely to die before their first birthday in America than in 19 other wealthy nations, including Australia, Canada, France, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

More concerning is the racial and ethnic infant mortality disparities that continue to exist. In 2015, the rates for infant mortality were over double for black infants compared to white ones.

This is unacceptable. That's why I am introducing the NEWBORN Act.

If enacted, the NEWBORN Act would create infant mortality-focused pilot programs in the highest-risk areas of the country.

The pilot programs would focus on addressing one or more of the top five reasons for infant mortality: birth defects, preterm birth and low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, maternal pregnancy complications, and injuries to the infant.

The NEWBORN Act would specifically encourage the development of community-specific practices to promote pre-natal care and community outreach and education.

The current infant mortality rates are tragic, but good practices can improve health and save lives.

I urge my colleagues to help pass this bill.

SEPARATION OF CHILDREN

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the awful situation that has transpired over immigration in our country. When President Trump asked Congress to come to a legislative solution over DREAMers in our country, it should never have come to a point where our country no longer treats immigrants with compassion and respect. Families and children should have never come in the cross fire of politics, and our nation should have never witnessed a humanitarian crisis on our own land.

President Trump, since the beginning of his term, has issued a number of executive orders on immigration, refugees, and border security. These actions include President Trump's border wall, extreme deportation policies against undocumented immigrants, three bans on refugees and travelers from predominately Muslim countries, and a rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). President Trump has created fear and uncertainty for many that legally reside in our country, including thousands of legal immigrants in our district in Houston and Harris County, Texas. Congress has offered several bipartisan legislative solutions, including the DREAM Act and the USA Act, but it is the President who refuses to work with Congress until all of his unreasonable demands are met.

Today, our chamber is left with only two choices: H.R. 4760 and H.R. 6136. These bills are not only bad policy, but they also only make matters worse. The so-called Securing America's Future Act, H.R. 4760 offers no

path to citizenship for Dreamers, removes protections for all unaccompanied minors, and harms our communities. This bill absolutely fails to help fix actual immigration problems in our country and instead pushes the propaganda that immigrants are criminals and a burden to our society. This is false. The 29th District of Texas is home to one of the largest immigrant populations in the country. I have seen with my own eyes how they bring innovation, entrepreneurship, and hard work that have been an integral part of making Houston a world-class city.

The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act, H.R. 6136 is being sold as a compromise, but this is a sham. This bill limits the eligibility criteria for DACA, cutting off most Dreamers and many DACA recipients. For those that will be eligible, this legislation does not guarantee citizenship, as the participants will be pitted against each other in a point system to obtain permanent residence. The administration must stop treating Dreamers as pawns—their lives are not ours to play with. The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act will also fund an expensive and arbitrary border wall. Even worse, the problems this legislation seeks to solve, such as family separation, are exacerbated. It will eliminate requirements for children in confinement that ensures they are safe, sanitary, and appropriate for children.

In a few months, the President has led our country into a manufactured humanitarian crisis. We have mistreated children and family members as they come to our borders seeking asylum. President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy is inhumane, cruel and un-American. President Trump's Executive Order on June 20th creates a dangerous situation for the future requiring children to be detained for prolonged periods, resulting in dangers for their health and mental well-being, and there is no solution for over 2,000 children that have already been separated from their parents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Congress to think about the children and families' lives that we are destroying. Many will still not be able to reunite—a travesty that I am sad to say is because of our President. The separation of families has never been an option for any other administration and it is unthinkable that it is a choice today. We must come together to address how to create an immigration system that is humane and honors our nation's history and traditions. We are America and we must start acting like it.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUDLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ludlow United Methodist Church of Ludlow, Illinois, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

Ludlow United Methodist Church was founded in 1868 by the Rev. M.L. Kurle and soon thereafter joined the Flagg Circuit. Initially, services were held in nearby schoolhouses. The first church building was dedicated on September 4, 1871. Throughout the years,

various additions and remodeling projects took place as the congregation expanded. Currently, the church building is accompanied by an auditorium and parsonage.

With an extensive background in missionary work and community engagement, Ludlow United Methodist has impacted many lives for over a century and a half. This historic church proudly maintains its legacy of service to its congregants and neighbors, and I hope that it continues that legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Ludlow United Methodist Church for this important milestone, and I wish it and its Pastor, Reverend Fred Sistler, the very best as they celebrate the church's 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017–2018 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOMINEES FOR THE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2017–2018 Prince William County Public Schools nominees for the Principal of the Year Award.

Principals who meet the criteria for the award are those who effectively manage, demonstrate, and encourage creativity and innovation, foster cooperation between the school and community by maintaining an open dialogue with students, parents, faculty, and staff, and exemplify commitment to providing a quality education for all students to learn and develop. The selected winner will be named the Prince William County Principal of the Year.

As the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools educates 90,000 students in ninety-eight schools, including sixty elementary schools, sixteen middle schools, twelve high schools, one Governor's school, three special education schools, one nontraditional school, two traditional schools, two special site schools, and one K–8 school.

I extend my personal congratulations to the following 2017–2018 Prince William County nominees for Principal of the Year Award:

Andrew Buchheit, T. Clay Wood Elementary School

Robert Eichorn, New Directions (Independence Nontraditional School)

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for 2017–2018 Principal of the Year Award in Prince William County, and in thanking them for their dedication and leadership to the students, teachers, and faculty to ensure a bright future for all who pass through the doors of their schools. Their continued service is truly commendable and worthy of the highest praise. I thank them for ensuring our Prince William County students are provided a world-class education in a vibrant learning community.